Gmail Krista Dandridge-Barnett <kristadandridgebarnett@gmail.com>

Re: [REGC: Local History and Genealogy] Library of Congressloc.gov | Greetings!... With respect to the reply to my inquiry as evidenced further below, I'm not interested in biographical tales or tales by any purported to have witnessed the alleged events or by any referencing such tales, as I, frankly am unable to grasp if whether or not the "information" is strictly that of what has been alleged or, simply, that of propaganda. So, to be clear, I, hereby, am requesting, if it is available, an online link to uncorrupted primary-source documentation, whereby I may review if the matters presented were, in fact, related to Negroes exclusively. And, if shown as such, if there is a continuity of those claims whereby individuals, rather descendants, may prove biologically, and by uncorrupted documentation, the matters are as alleged. I'd also be interested in receiving impartial — without motive or agenda — investigative whole data by which all claims noted within, whether it b

Krista Dandridge-Barnett <kristadandridgebarnett@gmail.com> Wed, Jul 30, 2025 at 3:30 PM
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Your consideration is appreciated & Thanks...

'`*~Respectfully,*
Krista Dandridge-Barnett

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On Wed, Jul 30, 2025 at 8:32 AM Genealogy and Local History <genealogy@ask.loc.gov> wrote:

--# Type your reply above this line #--

Local History and Genealogy Specialist
Jul 30 2025, 11:32AM via System

Dear Krista Dandridge-Barnett,

Thank you for contacting the Library of Congress regarding your request for details on the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade. Transatlantic refers to the crossing of the Atlantic Ocean, [the trade of enslaved peoples in this context], so the materials you are looking for would involve Europe, continental Africa (more expressly, West Africa), and the Americas (North and South), including the Caribbean. To research this comprehensively, you may encounter documents related to all or some of these areas.

One resource that can be used to explore the records surrounding the transatlantic slave trade is " Documents Illustrative of the History of the Slave Trade to America, Vol. 1" by Dr. Elizabeth Donnan. I suggest starting here because it is well organized and consults the papers from *the Royal African Company* and various other manuscripts with detailed footnotes.

Another resource would be Slave Voyages, a database drawing upon data in libraries and archives around the Atlantic world to offer a more exhaustive timeline of the trans-atlantic slave trade. The database compiles information about more than 36,000 voyages that forcibly transported enslaved Africans across the Atlantic Ocean between 1514 and 1866.

On the Library of Congress website, you can read narratives from enslaved people, such as *The Interesting Narrative of the Life of Olaudah Equiano, or Gustavus Vassa, the African, written by himself*. This narrative conveys the trans-atlantic slave trade through a different lens compared to the resources listed above.

Brown University has digitized many manuscripts and primary sources related to the transatlantic slave trade in the library's repository for historical documents. Including this letter, from Carter Braxton, a Virginia merchant and signer of the Declaration of Independence, to Nicholas Brown, the namesake of Brown University.

Link to letter: https://library.brown.edu/cds/slaveryandjustice/browse.php?verb=retrieve&class=date&date=1763-02-01

Abstract:

*Though most of the Brown brothers' trading activities were directed to the Caribbean, they also traded with mainland colonies. A voyage to Virginia by the sloop Four Brothers in 1763 touched off a correspondence between the Browns and Carter Braxton, a Virginia merchant and future signer of the Declaration of Independence, who proposed working together to mount a slaving voyage to Africa. "I am told there is a great **Traid** carried on from Rhode Island to Guinea for Negroes," Braxton wrote in this letter of February 1, 1763, "and I should be glad to enter into Partnership with some Gentlemen for a Voyage or two and have [the Negroes] sent here where I believe they sell as well as any where." The Browns initially seemed receptive to the offer, but ultimately decided to mount an African venture independently.*

From the African perspective, it would be beneficial to learn more about the histories of the countries affected to find relevant information on enslavement and economic conditions. Countries like Ghana, Nigeria, and Sierra Leone have been explored by scholars within and outside continental Africa about this subject.

You can use this academic article as a starting point and then expand to primary sources, Slavery and the Slave Trade in the Context of West African History.

Some relevant subject headings for this topic would be:

- Slavery--[name of a country or U.S. state]
- Slaves--Biography
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- Slaves' writings

I hope this helps you! Please let us know if you have any additional questions.

With gratitude,

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Your consideration is appreciated & Thanks...

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